Normal requirement of doctors in rural India

686. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the normal requirement of medical practitioner per 1000 persons (populatian) in rural areas of the country;

(b) what is the situation as on 28th February, 2007 in rural areas, State-wise;

(c) what help and assistance is being given to State Governments by the Central Government;

(d) whether Government are aware of inadequate infrastructure, doctors and nurses in the villages all over the country; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per existing population norms, there is a post af Medical Officer at a Primary Health Centre (PHC) covering a population of 20000 in tribal/hilly areas and 30000 in plain areas.

(b) As on 31st March, 2006, the number of Medical Officers available in the PHCs are 22273 as against the requirement of 22669. The State-wise position of doctors in PHCs is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), every PHC in the country is being strengthened with provision of an AYUSH practitioner in addition to the Medical Officer, subject the State planning for it.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. There is a shortfall of 1793 Medical Officers, 16938 Nurse Middwives at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) and 18318 Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) as on 31.03.2006. Under NRHM, the States have been provided funds for setting up of Sub-centres, PHCs, CHCs as per 2001 population norms and also for construction of buildings. A Sub-centre has been provided with an additional ANM and a PHC with 3 Staff Nurses on contractual basis to make it functional for 24 hours for all seven days. Support is also provided under NRHM to States to appoint doctors/specialists in PHCs/CHCs/District Hospitals on contract basis. States have to incorporate in their annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) the requirement of funds for the activities.

Statement

Details of doctors at primary-health centres (As on March, 2006)

Doctors at PHCS

Sl. No.	Sate/UT	Required (R)	Sanctioned (S)	In Position (P)	Vacant (S-P)	Shortfall (R-P)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1570	2479	2202	295	*
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	85	78	0	0	*
3.	Assam	610	NA	NA	NA	NA

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.	Bihar	1641	2078	1606	472	35
5.	Chhattisgarh	518	1542	1154	388	*
6.	Goa	19	56	53	3	*
7.	Gujarat	1072	1070	907	163	165
8.	Haryana	408	570	433	137	*
9.	Himachal Pradesh	439	354	467	*	*
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	374	668	643	25	*
11.	Jharkhand	330	3906	2332	1574	*
12.	Karnataka	1679	2237	2041	196	*
13.	Kerala	909	1345	1151	194	*
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1192	1278	839	439	353
15.	Maharashtra	1800	1800	1191	609	609
16.	Manipur	72	62	96	*	*
17.	Meghalaya	101	127	106	21	*
18.	Mizoram	57	57	35	22	22
19.	Nagaland	84	53	53	0	31
20.	Orissa	1279	1353	1353	0	*
21.	Punjab	484	634	350	284	134
22.	Rajasthan	1713	1525	1316	209	397
23.	Sikkim	24	48	48	0	*
24.	Tamil Nadu	1252	3089	2537	552	*
25.	Tripura	73	161	152	9	*
26.	Uttaranchal	222	272	182	90	40
27.	Uttar Pradesh	3660	NA	NA	NA	NA
28.	West Bengal	922	922	811	111	*
29.	A&N Islands	20	36	36	0	*
30.	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0
31.	D & N Haveli	6	6	6	0	0
32.	Daman & Diu	3	5	5	0	*
33.	Delhi	8	31	23	8	*
34.	Lakshadweep	4	4	4	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	39	63	63	0	*
	ALL INDIA[2]:	22669	27927	22273	5801	1793

Notes:

NA: Not Available.

*: Surplus

1: One per each Primary Health Centre

2. For calculating the overall percentages of vacancy and shortfall, the States/UTs for which manpower position is not available, should be excluded.